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CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN

NO TIME TO
FIGURE OUT
WHAT OUR FACES
ARE DOING ON
THOSE STATUES
HERE IN ANCIENT
EGYPT! JUNE'S
IN TROUBLE!



featuring
**"The RIDDLE of the
FACELESS MAN!"**

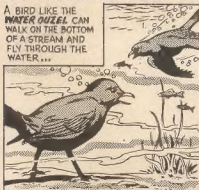
NATURE'S PRIZE PUPIL!

A BAT HAS HIS OWN
BUILT-IN RADAR BY
WHICH HE FLIES...

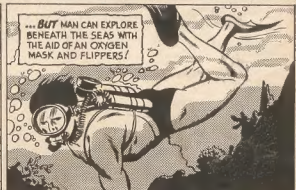


... BUT MAN HAS
INVENTED WAYS TO
SEE AND HEAR
BEYOND THE
RANGE OF HIS
EYES AND EARS--
BY PERISCOPE
AND RADAR!

A BIRD LIKE THE
WATER OUZEL CAN
WALK ON THE BOTTOM
OF A STREAM AND
FLY THROUGH THE
WATER...

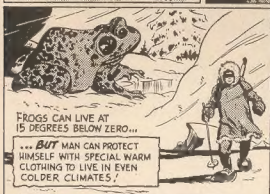


... BUT MAN CAN EXPLORE
BENEATH THE SEAS WITH
THE AID OF AN OXYGEN
MASK AND FLIPPERS!



FROGS CAN LIVE AT
15 DEGREES BELOW ZERO...

... BUT MAN CAN PROTECT
HIMSELF WITH SPECIAL WARM
CLOTHING TO LIVE IN EVEN
COLDER CLIMATES!



YES, NATURE'S WAYS ARE AMAZING--AND MAN IS
THE MOST AMAZING BECAUSE, BY READING,
OBSERVING AND UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD
ABOUT HIM, HE CONSTANTLY ENRICHES HIMSELF!

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ACE! WE CAN'T MOVE!
THAT RAY OF FX-1
PARALYZED OUR LEGS!

AND BLINDED RED
AND ME! WE--WE
CAN'T HELP YOU!

OMNI-FAX, THEY CALLED IT--MAKER OF ALL THINGS! THIS FANTASTIC INVENTION PROMISED TO PRODUCE SOLUTIONS TO SOME OF MAN'S GREATEST PROBLEMS! BUT, BY SOME TWIST OF FATE, ITS FIRST EFFORT TURNED INTO A MECHANICAL NIGHTMARE FOR THE CHALLENGERS WHEN THEY TRIED TO COMBAT...

The REVOLT of the TERRIBLE FX-1

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CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN



FAR BENEATH THE SEA OFF THE COAST OF SOUTH AMERICA, A FAMED SUBMARINER RECORDS A UNIQUE EVENT...

FX-1 HAS BEGUN TO DIG UP THE GOLD-BEARING EARTH IT LOCATED, ACE! CAN YOU SEE IT?

ROGER! GETTING A CLEAR PICTURE FROM YOU, PROF! CAREFUL NOT TO BREAK YOUR POWER CONNECTION TO FX-1, OR YOU'LL STOP TRANSMITTING!

AND IN A SEASIDE LAB NOT FAR AWAY, WHERE ACE AND ROCKY VIEW THE AMAZING SPECTACLE...

FX-1 IS SMELTING THE GOLD ORE WITH ITS HEAT RAY DR. HARWYN! THE UNDERSEA TEST OF YOUR MACHINE IS COMPLETELY SUCCESSFUL!

YES! NOW, WHILE PROF TRANSFERS FX-1 TO RED FOR THE MOUNTAIN TEST, I'LL GIVE YOU A CLOSER LOOK AT THE "MOTHER" OF FX-1!

DR. HARWYN LEADS THE TWO CHALLENGERS TO AN OPEN FIELD WHERE THEY STARE IN AWE...

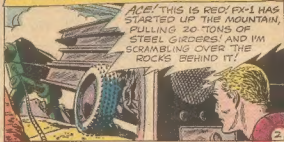
THIS IS OMNI-FAX, WHICH PLANNED AND BUILT FX-1! I CAN FEED A PROBLEM INTO ITS COMPUTER, LOAD RAW MATERIALS ONTO THE CONVEYER BELT AND, IN TIME, OMNI-FAX WILL BUILD THE ANSWER!

MAN, THAT'S THE CRAZIEST ERECTOR SET I EVER SAW!

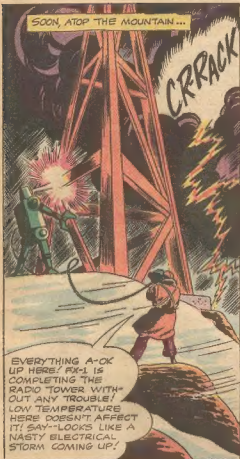
ELECTRONIC UNITS AND SELENIUM CELLS GIVE FX-1 THE POWER TO TRACK ANY MOVING OBJECT OR NOISE! BUT OMNI-FAX HAS FINAL CONTROL OVER ALL ITS DECISIONS! WELL, LET'S RETURN TO THE VIDEO SCREEN! THE SECOND TEST WILL SOON BEGIN!

SHORTLY, WITH PROF HAVING TRANSFERRED FX-1 TO HIS MOUNTAIN-CLIMBING COLLEAGUE, RED...

ACE! THIS IS RED! FX-1 HAS STARTED UP THE MOUNTAIN, PULLING 20 TONS OF STEEL GIRDERS! AND I'M SCRAMBLING OVER THE ROCKS BEHIND IT!



SOON, ATOP THE MOUNTAIN...



EVERYTHING A-OK UP HERE! FX-1 IS COMPLETING THE RADIO TOWER WITHOUT ANY TROUBLE! LOW TEMPERATURE HERE DOESN'T AFFECT IT! SAY--LOOKS LIKE A NASTY ELECTRICAL STORM COMING UP!

AND IN THE NEXT SECOND...



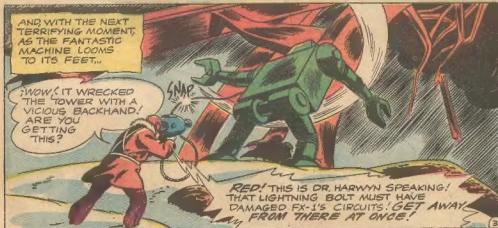
OH-OH! A BOLT OF LIGHTNING HIT FX-1! IT TOOK THE FULL CHARGE!

NEVER MIND FX-1! ARE YOU OKAY, RED?



YEAH! I'M FINE, BUT FX-1 IS OUT LIKE A LIGHT! NO, WAIT, IT'S BEGINNING TO STIR... LIFTING ONE ARM!

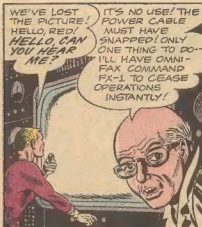
AND WITH THE NEXT TERRIFYING MOMENT, AS THE FANTASTIC MACHINE LOOMS TO ITS FEET...



!WOW! IT WRECKED THE TOWER WITH A VICIOUS BACKHAND! ARE YOU GETTING THIS?

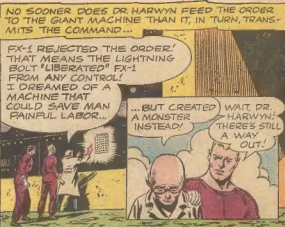
SNAP

RED! THIS IS DR. HARWYN SPEAKING! THAT LIGHTNING BOLT MUST HAVE DAMAGED FX-1'S CIRCUITS! GET AWAY FROM THERE AT ONCE!



WE'VE LOST THE PICTURE!
HELLO, RED!
HELLO, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

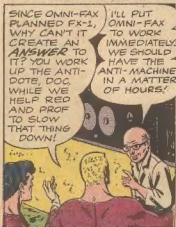
IT'S NO USE! THE POWER CABLE MUST HAVE SNAPPED! ONLY ONE THING TO DO-- I'LL HAVE OMNI-FAX COMMAND FX-1 TO CEASE OPERATIONS INSTANTLY!



NO SOONER DOES DR HARWYN FEED THE ORDER TO THE GIANT MACHINE THAN IT, IN TURN, TRANSMITS THE COMMAND...
FX-1 REJECTED THE ORDER! THAT MEANS THE LIGHTNING BOLT "LIBERATED" FX-1 FROM ANY CONTROL! I DREAMED OF A MACHINE THAT COULD SAVE MAN PAINFUL LABOR...

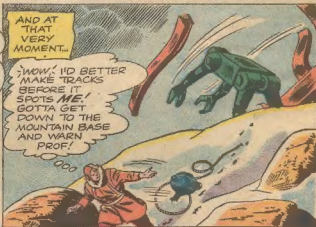
...BUT CREATED A MONSTER INSTEAD!

WAIT, DR. HARWYN! THERE'S STILL A WAY OUT!



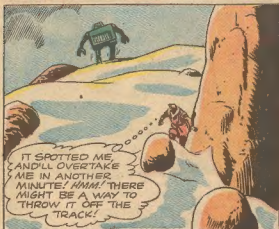
SINCE OMNI-FAX PLANNED FX-1, WHY CAN'T IT CREATE AN ANSWER TO IT? YOU WORK UP THE ANTI-DOTE, DOC, WHILE WE HELP RED AND PROF TO SLOW THAT THING DOWN!

I'LL PUT OMNI-FAX TO WORK IMMEDIATELY! WE SHOULD HAVE THE ANTI-MACHINE IN A MATTER OF HOURS!



AND AT THAT VERY MOMENT...

WOW! I'D BETTER MAKE TRACKS BEFORE IT SPOTS ME! GOTTA GET DOWN TO THE MOUNTAIN BASE AND WARN PROF!



IT SPOTTED ME, AND I'LL OVERTAKE ME IN ANOTHER MINUTE! HMM! THERE MIGHT BE A WAY TO THROW IT OFF THE TRACK!



GOTTA GET SOME BEEF BEHIND THIS ROCK! UGGH! IT'S STARTING TO MOVE!

THEN, AS THE BOULDER THUNDERS DOWNHILL, SENDING OTHERS CRASHING...

KWOOM

BAROOM

I DID IT--CONFUSED FX-1! SINCE IT CAN ONLY DETECT SOUNDS AND OBJECTS IN MOTION, ANY ONE OF THOSE BOULDERS COULD BE ME! WHILE IT'S TRYING TO DECIDE, I CAN SCRAM!

BUT AS HE BARRELS WITHIN SIGHT OF THE BASE CAMP...

PROF! TAKE OFF! FX-1 HAS BLOWN A FUSE!

WHAT--?

THAT MECHANICAL MENACE IS GAINING ON US, RED! AND THERE'S NO WAY TO SLOW IT DOWN!

WHRRRR

THAT SOUND! PROF--LOOK UP THERE!

THE MARINES HAVE LANDED--IT'S ACE AND ROCKY! THEY'RE GONNA FIRE A ROCKET RIGHT DOWN FX-1'S THROAT!

LET 'IM HAVE IT, FELLERS!

WHRRRR





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QUICKLY, ACE AND PROF ARE BOOSTED ONTO A ROCK LEDGE BEHIND THE FALLS, MAKE A SWIFT SEARCH AND DASH BACK...

MY HUNCH WAS RIGHT--THERE'S A NATURAL CAVE BACK THERE! C'MON --WE'LL GIVE YOU GUYS A HAND UP!



OH-OH! FX-1 IS ALMOST ON TOP OF US!



BUT, BEFORE THEY CAN COMPLETE THEIR DESPERATE ESCAPE...

THAT HEAT-- BEING DIFFUSED BY THE WATER! MY LEGS!



ACE, I CAN'T USE MY LEGS! THAT RAY MUST HAVE INJURED SOME NERVES!

I KNOW! I'M LAME, TOO!

YOU GUYS DOWN THERE-- GIVE US A HAND! WE CAN'T MOVE!



MY EYES!

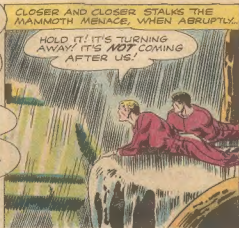
W-WE CAN'T, ACE! WE CAN'T SEE YOU! ROCKY AND I ARE BOTH BLIND!



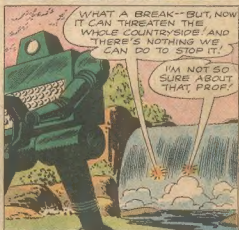


THAT CURTAIN OF WATER KEPT THE HEAT RAY FROM DESTROYING US COMPLETELY! BUT WE'RE TRAPPED HERE--AND FX-1 IS COMING STRAIGHT FOR US!

TWO OF US LAME...TWO OF US BLIND! LOOKS LIKE WE'VE HAD IT, BOYS!



HOLD IT! IT'S TURNING AWAY! IT'S **NOT** COMING AFTER US!



WHAT A BREAK--BUT, NOW IT CAN THREATEN THE WHOLE COUNTRYSIDE! AND THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO TO STOP IT!

I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT THAT, PROF!



WE CAN USE OUR EYES, AND RED AND ROCKY CAN USE THEIR LEGS! THAT MAKES US TWO WHOLE MEN!

BY GOLLY, YOU'RE RIGHT! CLIMB ABOARD, ACE, AND DIRECT ME--!



HERE WE GO! OUR ONLY CHANCE IS TO REPAIR THE COPTER SO WE CAN LEARN WHAT FX-1 IS UP TO! CUT OVER TO YOUR RIGHT, "LEGS!"

OKAY, "EYES!"



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REACHING THEIR CRAFT, THE STRANGEST REPAIR CREW EVER SEEN GOES TO WORK...

THAT DOES IT! I THINK WE CAN GET IT OFF THE GROUND NOW



NOT LONG AFTER...

THERE IT IS, GLEAMING IN THE SUN! AND LOOK! IT'S HEADED STRAIGHT FOR OMNI-FAX! WE KNOW THE MOTHER MACHINE IS STILL IN CONTACT WITH IT! THAT MEANS FX-1 MAY HAVE 'LEARNED' OMNI-FAX IS WORKING ON AN ANTI-MACHINE!

IT'S OUT TO DESTROY OMNI-FAX BEFORE IT CAN FINISH THE JOB



I CAN MAKE OUT SOMETHING-- SOMETHING BRIGHT! IT-- IT'S FX-1 MY SIGHT IS RETURNING!

AND I'M BEGINNING TO FEEL SOME LIFE IN MY LEGS! THE EFFECTS OF THE RAY ARE WEARING OFF!

WE'RE GOING DOWNSTAIRS, FELLERS!

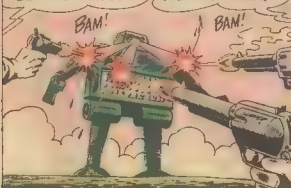


WE'RE ALL BACK TO NORMAL.. SO LET'S FIGHT A DELAYING ACTION! FX-1 MUSTN'T GET TO OMNI-FAX UNTIL IT'S FINISHED ITS JOB! SPREAD OUT AND OPEN FIRE FROM ALL SIDES, MEN!



IT'S MELTING MOST OF THE SLUGS, BUT SOME OF THEM ARE GETTING THROUGH!

SO WHAT? WE'RE NOT PENETRATING ANY VITAL PARTS! START FALLING BACK!



CAN'T RETREAT ANY FURTHER! WE'RE ALMOST ON TOP OF OMNI-FAX!

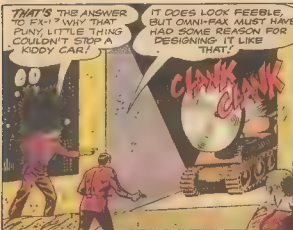
CRASH CRASH

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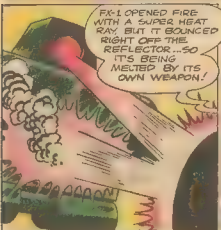
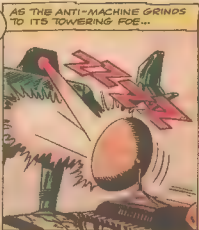


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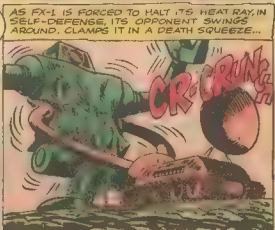


IT DOES LOOK FEEBLE, BUT OMNI-FAX MUST HAVE HAD SOME REASON FOR DESIGNING IT LIKE THAT!

CLANK
CLANK

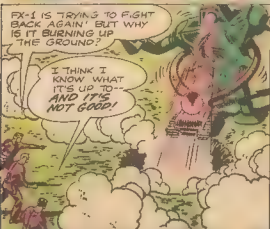


FX-1 OPENED FIRE WITH A SUPER HEAT RAY, BUT IT BOUNCED RIGHT OFF THE REFLECTOR...SO IT'S BEING MELTED BY ITS OWN WEAPON!



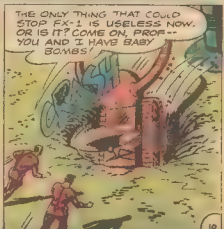
AS FX-1 IS FORCED TO HALT ITS HEAT RAY, IN SELF-DEFENSE, ITS OPPONENT SWINGS AROUND, CLAMPS IT IN A DEATH SQUEEZE...

CR-CRUNK



FX-1 IS TRYING TO FIGHT BACK AGAIN! BUT WHY IS IT BURNING UP THE GROUND?

I THINK I KNOW WHAT IT'S UP TO-- AND IT'S NOT GOOD!



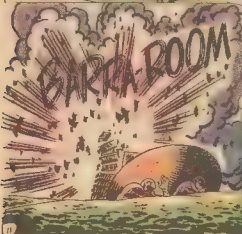
THE ONLY THING THAT COULD STOP FX-1 IS USELESS NOW, OR IS IT? COME ON, PROF-- YOU AND I HAVE BABY BOMBS!

WE CAN PROTECT
OURSELVES WITH
ITS REFLECTOR
CONE!

AS FX-1 CLOSES IN TO SNAP OFF THEIR
PROTECTING SHIELD...

I DIG YOU, ACE!
FX-1'S SOLAR
CELLS ARE BURNED
OUT! ALL IT'S
RUNNING ON NOW
ARE ITS STORAGE
BATTERIES, AND
OUR BABY BOMBS
CAN TAKE CARE
OF THOSE!

HEAVE
PROF!



AND MOMENTS
LATER...

THE MACHINE I
THOUGHT WOULD
BRING NEW GLORIES
TO MANKIND...
PROVED NOTHING
BUT A FRIGHTENING
MENACE!

BUT WITH WHAT IT
LEARNED TODAY,
DOCTOR, OMNI-FAX
CAN BUILD YOU
AN FX-2, A
MACHINE THAT
WILL ALWAYS
OBEY!



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WONDERING WHAT MIRACLE
CAN SAVE YOU FROM...

**The
HAUNTED
BEACH!**

IN YOUR FIST, YOU CLENCH
UNDREAMED-OF DISASTER,
A STRANGE BOMB THAT CAN
BLAST HALF THE EARTH.
AS YOU CRY OUT...

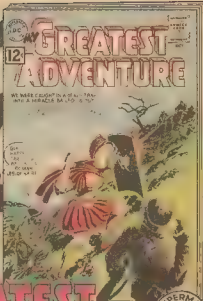
**"STAY AWAY
FROM ME--YOU
MIGHT DIE!"**

YOU LAUGH AT THE LEGEND
OF SEA MONSTERS, UNTIL
YOUR LAUGHTER IS
PARALYZED BY FEAR
WHEN YOU SIGHT...

**THE MENACE
OF THE DEEP!**

YES, YOU ARE THERE, BRAVING
BLAZING ACTION, YOUR NERVES
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Dear Challengers: Volcanic eruptions have been known to snuff out life quickly. Can you tell me which disaster is known to have been the swiftest?

A. J. B., Tacoma, Wash.
(*Mt. Pelee had been smoking and rumbling ominously for days while the populace of the city of St. Pierre on the island of Martinique in the West Indies looked on in wonderment and fear. Early on the morning of May 8, 1902, came a cataclysmic blast which was followed by racing clouds of poisonous gas and rivers of flame. They swept down the mountainside, set the city ablaze while the panicky inhabitants tried to flee. Within three minutes, a total of 40,000 people died. Days later, fire fighters braving the still smoldering ruins found one man, who was still alive. As the sole inmate, he had managed to survive the horror because he had been locked in an underground cell of the city's prison.*)

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Dear Challengers: Which is the widest river in the world?

Kathy O'Connell, Tulsa, Okla.
(*It is the Amazon, which gradually increases its breadth from one to 150 miles.*)

* * *

Dear Challengers: I have read about ships that were found adrift and deserted for no apparent reason, but the case in which the *Ellen Austin* participated was really a challenge for the unknown. When it came across an abandoned schooner in mid-Atlantic some years ago, the skipper sent a crew aboard to investigate. Everything was found shipshape except for the missing sailors, and the crew was instructed to man the craft to bring it into port while the *Ellen Austin* followed. A sudden storm blotted it from view, and when the weather cleared, the skipper and his men were astonished to learn that every manjack in his crew had vanished! Has anything equally incredulous occurred on land?

Bob Gill, Salt Lake City, Utah
(*Yes. This bizarre incident took place about 25 years ago in the tiny Eskimo village of Anjikuni a couple of hundred miles north of Churchill, Canada. As a trapper approached on his usual visit to rest and replenish his sup-*

plies, he was surprised to find all the huts empty, the dogs gone, battered kayaks strewn along the beach. Searching for clues for the strange, wholesale disappearance, he became convinced that the entire tribe had fled a long time ago. But where had the Eskimos gone? Not across Lake Anjikuni in their sturdy kayaks, which now lay wrecked. Not by dog-sled, because he found the pack starved to death not far off. And why had they run off, if indeed they had fled, without their rifles, which he had found inside the huts, when no Eskimo would brave the perils of the frozen tundra without his weapon? The trapper summoned the Northwest Mounted Police, who pressed the investigation without a successful conclusion. After a while, the Mounties abandoned their hunt, and to this day, the deserted village of Anjikuni and the missing tribe of men, women and children still pose a challenge to the unknown.)

* * *

Dear Challengers: We always read about the Challengers working together. How about a story in which they square off at each other?

The Borden Brothers, Pittsburgh, Pa.
(*Coming up! In the next issue, you're in for a sensational story entitled, "The War of the Challenger Teams"—and may the best men win!*)

Dear Challengers: Since my city is often called "The Windy City," can you tell me which actually is the windiest part of the earth?

T. F. M., Chicago, Ill.
(*All honors go to Adelie Land in the Antarctic, where the average daily wind velocity has been recorded at 50 miles an hour and hurricanes of 100 miles an hour have been known to rage for weeks without pause. In this country, Mt. Washington, New Hampshire, has been known to register high winds, with a record blow set back in 1934 that was clocked at 230 miles an hour.*)

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SOMEHOW, SOME WAY, THEY WERE WHISKED BACK INTO THE MYSTIC, PERILOUS PAST... WHERE DOOM AWAITED THEM ON THE DESERT BEFORE THE WEAPONS OF ANCIENT WARRIORS. AND IF THEY WERE TO SURVIVE AND CATAPULT BACK TO THE 20TH CENTURY, THE DARING CHALLENGERS HAD TO FIND THE KEY TO SOLVE ..

The RIDDLE of the FACELESS MAN

CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN

FLEE! FLEE!
THE HAWK
AND JACKAL
GODS COME
TO PUNISH
US!

"HAWK" AND "JACKAL."
EH? WELL, I SMELL
SOMETHING FISHY!



EGYPT FABLED LAND WHERE RESTLESS
AND STILL WHISPER SECRETS THAT
PREPARE RECORDED HISTORY--WHERE
RIDDLES HAVE REMAINED UNSOLVED
FOR CENTURIES--AND WHERE, RIGHT NOW,
A VERY MODERN MYSTERY SHOCKS
FOUR MEN.



THE CRAFT SOARS OVER THE ANCIENT
GROUND, ITS OCCUPANTS UNAWARE THAT
THEIR JOURNEY WILL CATASTROPHICALLY
END IN THE UNKNOWN FOR SUDDENLY--

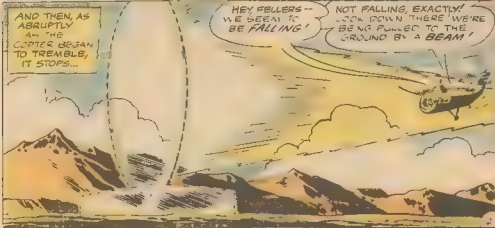
WH-WHAT'S WR-WRONG, D-D-DON-
ACE? W-W-W-WE'RE
SH-SH-SHAKIN' LIKE
JELLO IN A C-C-CUP!



AND THEN, AS
ABRUPTLY
AS THE
COPTER BEGAN
TO TREMBLE,
IT STOPS...

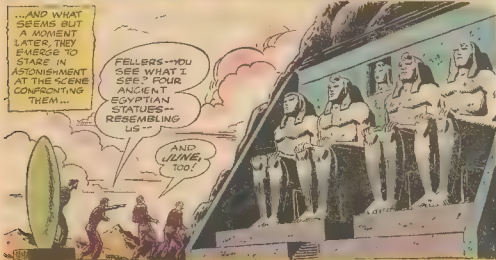
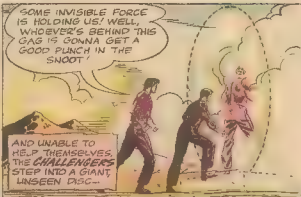
HEY BELLERS--
WE SEEM TO
BE FALLING!

NOT FALLING, EXACTLY!
LOOK DOWN THERE WE'RE
BEING PULLED TO THE
GROUND BY A BEAM!



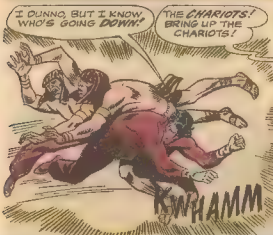
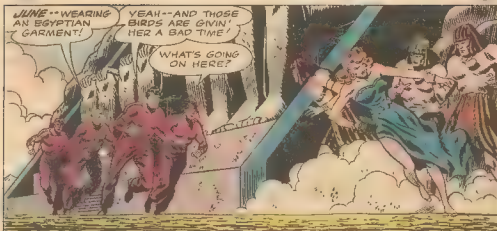


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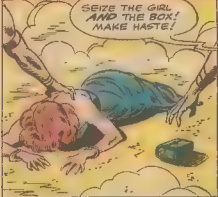


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IN THE MELEE, JUNE IS TUMBLED BY ONE OF THE CHARIOTS ..

SEIZE THE GIRL
AND THE BOX!
MAKE HASTE!



AND BY THE TIME THE SCATTERED CHALLENGERS RECOVER ..

THEY GOT AWAY--
WITH JUNE!

HELP, HELP



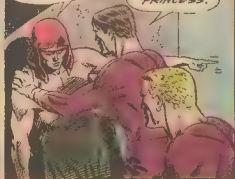
HEY! THIS GUY'S
HURT, IS HE ONE
OF THE OTHERS?

COULD BE-- BUT HE
ISN'T DRESSED THE
SAME!

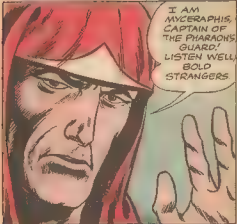


WE MUST SAVE THE
PRINCESS TAHASU--
THEY MUST NOT
HARM HER

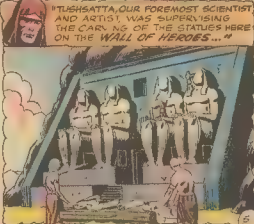
HE MUST BE
REFERRING TO
JUNE! AND HE'S
CALLING HER A
PRINCESS!



I AM
MYCERAPHIS,
CAPTAIN OF
THE PHAROAH'S
GUARD!
LISTEN WELL,
BOLD
STRANGERS



"TUSHSATTA, OUR FOREMOST SCIENTIST
AND ARTIST, WAS SUPERVISING
THE CARVING OF THE STATUES HERE
ON THE WALL OF HEROES..."





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"IN HIS EXPERIMENT HE HAD PLACED THE GREAT JUNG HERE SO THAT THE SUN'S LIGHT WOULD REFLECT UPON THE FAÇADE OF THE PALACE AT A CERTAIN TIME OF THE YEAR AND BRING THE STATUES TO LIFE..."



"TO BE PLACED WITH THE FOUR HEROES OF LONG AGO WAS THE GREAT PRINCESS TAPAKU DEAD MORE THAN FIVE CENTURES! NOW THEN TUSHMATA LADE TRY STATE"



"I RODE OUT THAT DAY--TWO SUNS AGO--TO MAKE A REPORT TO THE PHAROAH AND STRANGERS THIS IS WHAT I SAW..."



SEE, TUSHMATA! THE PRINCESS FROM THE PAST EVER LIVES ALIVE FROM THE

"PRINCESS FROM THE PAST?" I'M JUNE ROBBINS. AND I LIVE IN THE 20TH CENTURY.

SO THAT'S HOW JUNE VANISHED-- RIGHT FROM AMONG US! NO WONDER WE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO HER!

YES--SHE CAME THROUGH TIME--JUST AS WE DID! WE'RE ALL BACK IN ANCIENT EGYPT



WE WERE TRANSFERRED HERE IN A MOMENT--

LET ME CONTINUE



"I RODE SWIFTLY BACK TO THE PALACE TO REPORT THIS WONDROUS EVENT, AND THE FIRST I TOLD OF IT WAS ANMOTHOT, THE PHAROAH'S CHIEF ADVISER..."

SAY NOTHING OF THIS YET, MY GOOD CAPTAIN. I MUST RIDE TO THE WALL OF HEROES TO SEE THIS SPECTACLE FOR MYSELF!





BUT EVIL AMENOTHOTH RODE HERE WITH HIS MEN AND CAPTURED THE LADY JUNE. TUSHGATTA DIED THEY SAY FROM THE SHOCK OF ALL THIS-- BUT NOT BEFORE HE LEFT A RIDDLE-- 'THE RIDDLE OF THE FACELESS MAN'. LOOK YONDER AT THE BASE OF THE DISC-- YOU WILL SEE IT CARVED THERE.



LOOKS LIKE A SHOOTING STAR-- THE SUN-- AND A HEAD WITHOUT A FACE. I DON'T DIG IT, DO YOU, PROF?



I HAVE A FEELING THAT THE SOLUTION PROVES THE ANSWER TO HOW JUNE GOT HERE-- AND ME TOO.



BUT A TH TUSHGATTA DEAD NOBODY ELSE KNOWS THE ANSWER.



A LONG STRANGER-- YOUR REVEAL-- FRIEND-- REVEALS THE SECRET.

BUT JUNE KNOWS IT?



"YES, AFTER AMENOTHOTH TOOK HER PRISONER-- AND LOCKED THE PHAROAH IN THE PALACE, I STOLE OUT WITH THE PRINCESS AND SOME OTHERS, ONLY TODAY! SHE BROUGHT A STRANGE BOX.

YOU WILL CARVE THE FACES OF THE STATUES TO LOOK LIKE THE FOUR FACES I HAVE DRAWN-- THEN LEAVE!

"BUT NOT LONG AFTER I HURRIED BACK TO WARN HER THAT AMENOTHOTH'S GUARDS WERE COMING."



SLAY MYCERAPHS-- AND SEIZE THE GIRL!



SO THAT'S WHEN WE MADE OUR GRAND ENTRANCE-- WELL, NOTHING TO DO BUT FIND JUNE-- AND--

I WILL SHOW YOU WHERE SHE'S BEING HELD-- STRANGERS-- BUT YOUR TASK WILL BE NO EASY ONE, JUNE.



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HEERY BOCHOFF

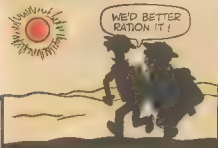


THE HEAT AND GLARE ARE TERRIBLE.

WE'RE RUNNING SHORT OF WATER, TOO!



WE'D BETTER RATION IT!



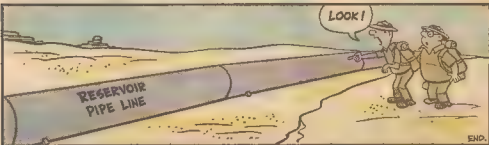
YOU KNOW THAT OLD SAYING "WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE, BUT NOT A DROP TO DRINK"

STOP BEING FUNNY! WHAT HAS THAT GOT TO DO WITH THE DESERT?



LOOK!

RESERVOIR
PIPE LINE



END.

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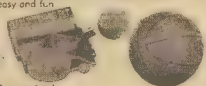
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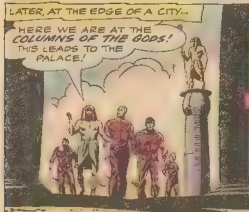
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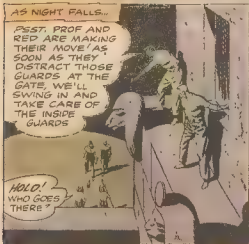
LATER, AT THE EDGE OF A CITY...

HERE WE ARE AT THE
COLUMNS OF THE GODS!
THIS LEADS TO THE
PALACE!



AS NIGHT FALLS...

PSST. PROF AND
RED ARE MAKING
THEIR MOVE! AS
SOON AS THEY
DISTRACT THOSE
GUARDS AT THE
GATE, WE'LL
SWING IN AND
TAKE CARE OF
THE INSIDE
GUARDS



HOLD!
WHO GOES
THERE?



FIRST THING
WE'LL DO IS SPLIT
UP WHEN WE
APPROACH THE
PALACE! WE'LL
WORK OUT SOME
DIVERSION
STRATEGY!

AND I WILL
GATHER SOME
FAITHFUL SOLDIERS
AND JOIN YOU
LATER

WE COME BEARING
A SURPRISE, PAL ...
THIS!



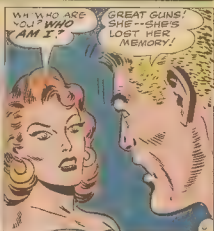
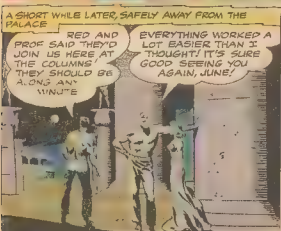
AND ABOVE...

THAT'S OUR CUE,
ROCKY! LET'S GO!



JUST "DROPPED IN" TO
SAY HELLO, BUSTER --
AND GOODBYE TO
YOU!







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WOW--! THEN SHE CAN'T ANSWER THE RIDDLE OF THE FACELESS MAN, AND MAYBE GET US BACK HOME AGAIN! HOW'D SHE GET THIS WAY?

WAIT A MINUTE--I REMEMBER SHE WAS KNOCKED OVER BY A CHARIOT BACK AT THAT FIGHT! THE FALL MUST'VE GIVEN HER AMNESIA!

YEAH, AND AS IF *THAT'S* NOT BAD ENOUGH, I THINK SOMETHING HAPPENED TO PROF AND RED.

YEAH, SOMETHING'S WRONG, ALL RIGHT. THEY SHOULD'VE BEEN HERE BY NOW. MAYBE THEY WERE TAKEN PRISONER!

IF WE WANT TO TAKE A STAB AT FREEING THEM, HOW ARE WE GONNA GET BACK INTO THAT PALACE? THE GUARDS WILL BE WATCHING FOR US NOW!

"GOODS" HEY YOU GAVE ME AN IDEA, PAL...

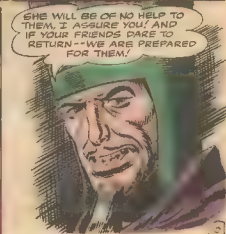
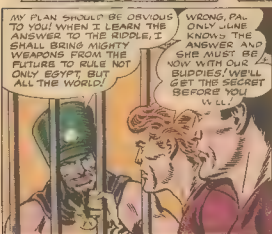
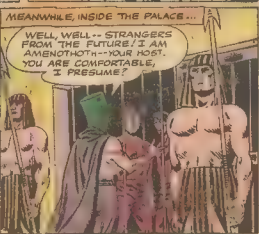
MEANWHILE, INSIDE THE PALACE...

WELL, WELL-- STRANGERS FROM THE FUTURE! I AM AMENOTHOTH--YOUR HOST. YOU ARE COMFORTABLE, I PRESUME?

MY PLAN SHOULD BE OBVIOUS TO YOU! WHEN I LEARN THE ANSWER TO THE RIDDLE, I SHALL BRING MIGHTY WEAPONS FROM THE FUTURE TO RULE NOT ONLY EGYPT, BUT ALL THE WORLD!

WRONG, PAL. ONLY JUNE KNOWS THE ANSWER AND SHE MUST BE NOW WITH OUR BUDDIES! WE'LL GET THE SECRET BEFORE YOU WILL!

SHE WILL BE OF NO HELP TO THEM, I ASSURE YOU! AND IF YOUR FRIENDS DARE TO RETURN--WE ARE PREPARED FOR THEM!





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BUT ALREADY THINGS BEGIN TO STIR IN THE OUTER CORRIDOR AS TWO AWESOME FIGURES ENTER FROM THE NIGHT.

FLEE--FLEE!
THE GODS
WALK TONIGHT--
WALK TO
PUNISH US!

O MIGHTY AMENOTHOTH,
WE ARE BRAVE MEN,
BUT WE CANNOT STAND
AGAINST THE GODS!

WHAT ARE
YOU SAYING,
YOU SLATHERING
IDiot?

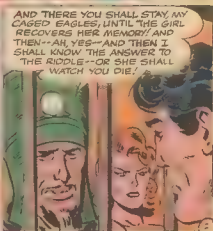
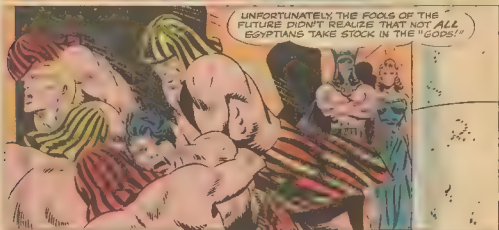
SEE FOR
YOURSELF!
THEY COME
TO PUNISH
US!

WE HAVE
COME FOR
YOU, EVIL
AMENOTHOTH!

'GODS,' INDEED! CAN'T YOU
SEE, YOU FOOLS, THEY ARE
THE OTHER TWO STRANGERS
IN DISGUISE!
SEIZE THEM!



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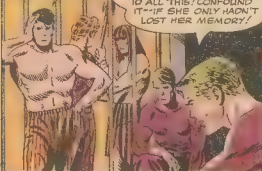
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AND AS THE NIGHT WEARS ON...

ANYBODY GOT AN IDEA?

MYCERAPHS MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP US-- BUT JUNE'S THE **BIG** ANSWER TO ALL THIS! CONFOUND IT-- IF SHE ONLY HADN'T LOST HER MEMORY!



JUNE? EVEN NOW SHE STIRS IN THE SHADOWS



THEN, A MOMENT LATER...

I DIDN'T LIKE THE FIT OF THAT "PRINCESS" DRESS-- AND I'M SURE YOU BOYS WOULD PREFER YOUR UNIFORMS. MY MEMORY RETURNED WHILE YOU FOUGHT THE GUARDS EARLIER, BUT I DIDN'T LET ON! HOW WAS MY ACT?

YOU GET THE ACADEMY AWARD, TELL US-- WHAT'S IN THE BOX?



THERE'S A SMALL METEORITE I HAD IN THE BOX-- I'LL EXPLAIN AS WE RIDE. MYCERAPHS AND HIS MEN HAVE CHARIOTS READY FOR US

GUARDS! GUARDS! THE PRISONERS FLEE!



WE'VE GOT TO REACH THE WALL OF HEROES... AND FAST! MYCERAPHS AND HIS MEN WILL RIDE ALONG TO GIVE US COVER!



THE TRICK'S IN THE METEORITE. THE RAYS FROM IT CROSSED WITH THE SUN'S RAYS, SOMEHOW REACH INTO THE FUTURE AND BRING BACK ANY PERSON OR OBJECT WHOSE LIKENESS IS FOCUSED ON BY A BEAM FROM THE GREAT DISC!



THE METEORITE'S GLOW IS **FADING!** ACE, GO FASTER-- OR IT'LL BE TOO LATE... AND WE MAY REMAIN FOREVER IN ANCIENT EGYPT!

BUT HOW DOES THE THING WORK TO SEND US HOME AGAIN?

I TUNED THE RAYS REFLECTED BY THE DISC ON THE FACES THAT RESEMBLED YOURS! I THINK IF WE USE THE **OTHER SIDE** OF THE METEORITE, THE PROCESS WILL BE REVERSED! BUT... THERE'S ONLY A FAINT GLOW LEFT!

COME ON, GUYS! **STEP** ON IT!

AND THEN...

BUT WHAT ABOUT OUR PALS OUT THERE? AREN'T WE LETTING 'EM DOWN?

WE HAVE NO CHOICE ' BESIDES, WE CAN'T CHANGE HISTORY! IT'S UP TO MYCERAPHS NOW...

A SHORT TIME LATER, AND THE TEAM IS RESTORED TO THE SAME SPOT WHERE IT STOOD A MOMENT BEFORE. YET, COUNTLESS EONS HAVE PASSED...

SEE? WE'VE DUG AWAY THE SOIL-- AND LOOK WHAT WAS BENEATH IT!

OUR LIKENESSES-- STILL THERE THROUGH ALL THE "CENTURIES"

AND THE WIND HERE STILL WHISPERS OTHER SECRETS, OTHER UNSOLVED RIDDLES... **THE END**

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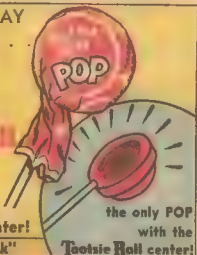
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